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FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH OUR LATIN-AMERICAN NEIGHBORS, A JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA. By Robert Bacon. Publication No. 7, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of Intercourse and Education, Washington, D. C., 1915. Pp. viii and 186. Editions in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

In the fall of 1913, at the invitation of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Director of the Division of Intercourse and Education of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Hon. Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State and Ambassador to France, undertook a visit to Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Panama, to explain the purposes of the Endowment. Mr. Bacon's name has thus been added to those other eminent international visitors, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, the Baroness von Suttner, Professor Nitobe, ex-President Eliot of Harvard, and Hamilton Wright Mabie. This volume contains Mr. Bacon's report of his trip to the Trustees (pp. 3-53). Around this, and filling most of the volume, have been grouped letters, interviews, addresses, *etc.*, relating to the trip. We do not secure from Mr. Bacon's report any valuable observations about the countries visited; Mr. Bacon has, necessarily, limited himself to a chronicle of events and a printed acknowledgment of the unusual courtesies extended him.

We cannot refrain from quoting the profoundly true and encouraging words of Mr. Elihu Root, in his letter of instruction to Mr. Bacon (p. 3): "The trustees of the Endowment are fully aware that progress in the work which they have undertaken must necessarily be slow and that its most substantial results must be far in the future. We are dealing with aptitudes and impulses firmly established in human nature through the development of thousands of years, and the utmost that any one generation can hope to do is to promote the gradual change of standards of conduct. All estimates of such a work and its results must be in terms not of individual human life, but in terms of the long life of nations. Inconspicuous as are the immediate results, however, there can be no nobler object of human effort than to exercise an influence upon the tendencies of the race, so that it shall move, however slowly, in the direction of civilization and humanity and away from senseless brutality."

*Layton B. Register.*

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THE HAGUE ARBITRATION CASES. COMPROMIS AND AWARDS WITH MAPS IN CASES DECIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAGUE CONVENTIONS OF 1899 AND 1907, AND TEXTS OF THE CONVENTIONS. By George Grafton Wilson. Pp. x and 525. Boston and London: Ginn & Company, 1915.

In these troublous times, when war plays so great a part in world events, when pacific settlement of international disputes is rather apt to be regarded as the dream of a theorist than a practicable method for the solution of international difficulties, the general public and the lawyer, as well as the student of international law, should be interested in the perusal of Dr. Wilson's able compilation of the compromis and awards in the several Hague Arbitration cases. The reader realizes that much has been accomplished by the Hague Tribunal and experiences a deep regret that the present war with its alarming devastation, its disastrous inroad upon the manhood of the belligerent nations, and its resulting sorrow and misery to those who remain, might not have been averted by a timely resort to the Tribunal of Peace.

In the past, it has been exceedingly difficult to secure complete information in regard to the several cases which have been decided by the tribunal.